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Dedication

Someone once said that reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. I know what it's like to be exercised by an A-1 coach. This book is dedicated to my editor, Lauri Whiskeyman. Many thanks, Lauri, for your guiding touch and continuous encouragement.

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